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Edgewood CB Center Helps Government Managers Prepare for Terrorist Threat

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Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. – It's not enough for today's government managers to balance the budget, put out fires within their staff, and actually deliver a product or service on time. Now, in a post-9/11 world, managers and executives must be on the lookout for warning signs of terrorist activity. Individuals with responsibility for buildings and personnel need to be aware and prepared to handle a terrorist event and its aftermath.

Fortunately, there are experts who understand this need and the importance of sharing information in ways non-technical people can understand.

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) is offering a seminar for federal, state and local government managers to help them understand and prepare for a terrorist attack with chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

The one-day seminar includes classroom sessions and tabletop exercises and is designed specifically for executives and managers who have little or no background in chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear WMD issues. The seminar will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 24, 2004, at the Battelle Eastern Science and Technology Center in Aberdeen, Md. The cost is \$220 per person.

Supported by ECBC's Homeland Defense Business Unit, the seminar provides an introduction to the characteristics of chemical and biological agents and radiological and nuclear devices. The seminar focuses on the implications of their use as WMD, including signs and symptoms and appropriate response. Trainers will discuss executive- and management-level responsibilities, such as building management, consequence management, infrastructure return-to-use, legal issues, health care and personnel management.

For registration details, contact the Battelle Eastern Science and Technology Center at 410-306-8854. For more information about the course curriculum or ECBC, please contact the ECBC Public Affairs Office at 410-436-3610.

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